

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

School Education (PE) – Sarva Siksha Abhiyan – Inclusion of VIIIth class in Upper Primary Schools to have eight years of Elementary Cycle in the State to implement the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 from the academic year 2012-13 – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PE-SSA) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.55

Dated:05.07.2012

Read the following:-

- 1) G.O. Ms. No. 524, Education, dt. 20.12.1988
- 2) G.O. Ms. No. 1, Education, dt. 01.01.1994
- 3) The Ministry of Law & Justice (Legislative Department) Government of India, New Delhi, Gazette No. 35, dt. 26.8.2009
- 4) G.O. Ms. No. 20, School Education (PE-Prog.1) Department, dt. 03.03.2011
- 5) From the Commissioner & Director of School Education, AP., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 1338/B2-3(B3-4)/2012, dt. 0307.2010
- 6) Govt. Memo. No. 1641SSA/2010-2, School Education (SSA) Dept., dt. 04.08.2010
- 7) From the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 170/B7/2009, dt. 13.4.2011 & 17.5.2011
- 8) G. O. Ms. No. 130, School Education (PE-Prog.1) Department, dt. 09.09.2011
- 9) G.O. Rt. No. 757, Education (PE-SSA) Dept., dt. 13.10.2011
- 10) From the State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 170/B7/2009, dt. 31.1.2012.

ORDER:-

The Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi have enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 to provide free and compulsory education to the Children in the age group of 6-14 years i.e., eight years of elementary education across the country vide reference 3rd read above. Accordingly, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have issued "The Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010" vide G.O. 4th read above. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, the elementary cycle is 7 years i.e., (5) years of Primary Education (I Class to V Class) and (2) years of Upper Primary Education (VI Class and VII Class). Due to this, it is becoming very difficult to retain all the children till the completion of 8th class since most of the children are dropping out during the transition from Upper Primary to Secondary stage. The Rule 5(2) of RTE Rules stipulates that the Schools having classes I to VII shall be upgraded by adding Class VIII.

2. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, AP., Hyderabad, vide ref 5th read above has informed that, as per the provisions stipulated vide references 1st and 2nd read above, class I to V will be Primary Education and class VI to Class VII is in Upper Primary stage. In order to implement the RTE Rules 2010, it is imperative need for the Government to issue necessary amendments to the relevant rules to include VIII class in Upper Primary Schools. He has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary amendments to the said orders.
3. The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (SSA), AP., Hyderabad vide his letter 7th read above, has informed that the Government of India have been insisting on the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, for taking a policy decision to synchronize the Elementary Cycle as per RTE Rules, 2010, so as to have 8 years of Elementary Education.
4. Accordingly, Government have constituted a Committee vide reference 9th read above, to examine the proposal of revising the Elementary cycle from the classes I to VII to I to VIII classes by way of upgrading all the Upper Primary Schools in the State. The State Project

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Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (SSA), A.P., Hyderabad, has submitted the Committee's report constituted by the Government under the chairmanship of the Commissioner & Director of School Education, AP., Hyderabad, vide reference 10th read above.

5. The Committee has submitted its recommendations as follows:

- (i) The Committee recommends to include VIII class in the upper primary schools where the strength in VI and VII classes is 40 and more than 40 and where there is no other upper primary school or high school functioning within a distance of 3 kms to the proposed upper primary school from the academic year 2012-13. Accordingly, District Educational Officers may be asked to submit proposals with viability in enrolment and certification that there is no Upper Primary or High School within a distance of 3 kms. from the proposed Upper Primary school.
- (ii) The Committee further recommends that the upper primary schools functioning with less strength and having high schools within a distance of 3 kms., may be downgraded to primary schools by merging VI and VII classes in nearby high schools with proper school mapping exercise.
- (iii) The present staffing pattern of 2 School Assistants and 2 Pandits is sufficient even after inclusion of VIII class to handle all the subjects with the help of primary section staff as detailed in annexure-I. The Headmasters of these schools may be instructed to distribute the workload among primary and upper primary section staff as per annexure II & III. However, additional classroom, teaching learning material and other amenities may be provided from Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Programme.
- (iv) Since private management schools are at present governed by rules given in G.O.Ms.No.1, Dt:1.1.94, the Committee suggests for amendment of rules given in G.O.Ms.No.1 so as to implement 8 years of elementary cycle in private schools also. To that effect Government may take a decision to constitute another Committee for framing revised rules.
- (v) Due to switching over to 8 years of elementary education cycle, the Committee suggests that the recognition and inspection authorities for various types of schools may be redefined. It also recommends that Mandal Educational Officer may be made inspecting authority for 8 year elementary cycle in upper primary schools and Deputy Educational Officer will inspect the high schools as usual. With regard to recognition, the newly proposed 8 years elementary upper primary schools may be brought under the purview of District Educational Officer.

6. Government, after careful examination of the recommendations of the Committee and in pursuance of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010, hereby accept the above recommendations of the Committee in toto for inclusion of VIII class in the upper primary schools to facilitate the children in the age group of 6-14 years to complete 8 years of elementary cycle to reduce the drop-outs of the school children.

7. The Commissioner & Director of School Education, AP., Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary action for inclusion of VIII class in the Upper Primary Schools by obtaining the proposals from the Districts on viability in enrollment and certification that there is no Upper Primary and High School within a distance of 3 kilometers from the proposed Upper Primary schools. He is further requested to instruct the Headmasters of these schools to distribute the workload among primary and upper primary section staff as per annexure II and III. He is further informed that Mandal Educational Officer shall be made the inspecting authority to ensure the 8 year elementary cycle in upper primary schools and Deputy Educational Officer will inspect the high schools as usual. With regard to recognition, the newly proposed 8 years elementary upper primary schools is brought under the purview of District Educational Officer.

8. Consequent of inclusion of VIII class in Upper Primary Schools, the expenditure on providing the infrastructure and other amenities to the schools concerned shall be met from the budget provided under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

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9. The School Education (SE-PS.1) Department is requested to issue necessary amendments including 8th class in Upper Primary Education.

10. The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (SSA), A.P., Hyderabad and the Commissioner & Director of School Education, AP., Hyderabad, are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

The State Project Director, RVM (SSA), A.P., Hyderabad.

All the District Educational Officers / Mandal Educational Officers in the State through the Commissioner and Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

The School Education (SE-PS.1) Department.

Copy to

The Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India, Shashry Bhavan, New Delhi.

P.S. to M (PE&SSA), A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S. to Prl. Secretary (PE), School Education Department, A.P. Secretariat.

P.S. to Prl. Secretary (SE), School Education Department, A.P. Secretariat.

General Administration (Cabinet) Department, w.r.t. Council Resolution No. 97(4)/2012.

The Publicity Cell, Information & Public Relations Department, AP., Secretariat, Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE – I to G.O Ms. No. 55 School Education (PE-SSA) Department, Dt. 05.07.2012

Staff pattern for Elementary Cycle Upper Primary School (I to VIII classes)

Enrolment range in VI to VIII Classes	S.A. Maths/ Science	S.A. S.S.	S.A. Eng.	Gr.II pt (1st Lang)	Gr.II pt (2 nd Lang)	Total	Remarks
Upto 100	1	1	-	1	1	4	
101-140	2	1	-	1	1	5	
141-175	2	1	1	1	1	6	
176-210	3	1	1	1	1	7	
211-245	3	1	1	2	1	8	
246-280	3	2	1	2	1	9	
281-315	4	2	1	2	1	10	
316-350	4	2	1	2	2	11	
351-385	5	2	1	2	2	12	
386-420	5	2	2	2	2	13	

Note 1:SA (Maths / Science) category: if a school has only one post under this category it can be allotted to SA (Maths) or School Assistant (Biological Science) or SA (Phy.Sc.). If the school has 2 posts, one shall be for Maths / Physical Science and another for Biological Science. If there are three posts under this Category in the school, then 1 post will be for Maths, 1 for Bio. Science and another for Physical Science. If a school has 4 posts then 2 posts are for Maths, 1 for Bio-Sc. and 1 for Physical Science. If a school has 5 posts under this category, then 2 posts are for Maths, 2 posts are Biological Science and 1 post can be for Physical Science.

Note 2: There shall be no separate H.M post for primary stage in a UP School
where enrolment in VI to VII is > 100

Note 3: Senior most SA will act as H.M of the school (SA cadre only).

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ANNEXURE – II to G.O Ms. No. 55 School Education (PE-SSA) Department, Dt. 05.07.2012

Norms for Teacher's workload

- 1.a) As far as possible a teacher of classes VI to VIII has to be a maximum of 30 periods per week in curricular subjects. For teachers whose workload does not reach 30 periods, in her/his curricular subject or subjects, periods of activity subjects / co-curricular activities as given in the annexure III can be allotted. Head Master has to make equal distribution of workload among teachers as far as possible.
- b) The ceiling of 30 periods per week for a teacher is not applicable for a Teacher in Primary School/Stage because he/she has to stay with children all the five hours of the day's work in terms of multi grade teaching, joyful learning, play way methods of teaching etc., suitable according to the nature of little children in I to V classes.
2. S.As. and SGTs of an elementary cycle Upper Primary school have to not only handle periods of subject (for various classes) of their designation primarily but also the periods of others subjects they studied in graduation / post gradation, intermediate or in teacher education course. For example S.A (Physical Science) if he is B.Sc (MPC) B.Ed. (Maths & Physical Science Methodologies) can be allotted primarily physical science periods for higher classes and other periods he can be allotted Mathematics periods also to other classes / section; (which he studied at graduation) up to maximum work load permissible. In respect of S.A / Language Pandit grade II (1st language) he/she has to handle not only periods of all classes of the language by designations but also the periods of other subjects for classes which they studied at graduation, intermediate or class X levels.
3. Periods of Science should include project work, laboratory work, experimental design, innovation and observation.
4. The maximum size of a class is 60. For 61 and above enrolment the class can be split up in to 2 sections. Teacher workload and class workload can be planned accordingly in the time table for additional sections as well.

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ANNEXURE – III to G.O Ms. No. 55 School Education (PE-SSA) Department, Dt. 05.07.2012

Subject wise weight-ages per class per week

(No. of periods per week) in each of VI to VIII classes

S.No.	Subject / Activity	No. of periods per week for each of VI & VII classes in Upper Primary Schools	No. of periods per week for each of class VIII
(A)	Curricular Subjects	6	6
	1. First Language		
	2. Second Language	3	3
	3. Third Language (English)	6	6
	4. Mathematics	8	8
	5. General Science	8	-
	(i) Physical Science	-	5
	(ii) Biological Science	-	5
	6. Social Studies	6	6
(B)	Activity Subjects/co curricular activities practical work		
	(i) Environment Education Projects	2	2
	(ii) Vocational work experience	-	-
	(iii) General work experience / SUPW/Computer Education	2	2
	(iv) Books reading (Library)/ Essay writing /Elucution/Quiz.	2	1
	(v) Moral Education	1	1
	(vi) Creative Activities (Drawing / Music, Dance, Drama etc.)	2	1
	(vii) Health Education / Physical Education / Sports & Games.	2	2
		48 Periods per week	18 Periods per week

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